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Title:	MINIMALLY INVASIVE VALVE REPAIR PROCEDURE AND APPARATUS		

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant further requests that a copy of the Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

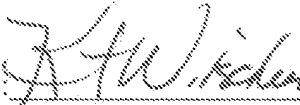
In addition Applicants are providing for further consideration a hard copy of the following document which was previously cited on a 1449 but not provided:

Chitwood, Jr., W. Randolph, "Mitral Valve Repair: Ischemic." *Mastery of Cardiothoracic Surgery*, Lippencott-Raven Publishers (1998) pp. 309-321.

The filing of this supplemental information disclosure statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner. Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25, at 25.

Respectfully submitted,

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